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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/27/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26 and 28-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/30/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d):
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>5/27/2005</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 5/27/2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 4/8/2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-26 and 28-33 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: independent claim 1 recites an illumination device comprising a light emitting diode that emits a radiation pattern, a number of light guides positioned to be illuminated by the light emitting diode, wherein each light guide is positioned such that a cross-sectional center of each light guide substantially corresponds to location of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the light emitting diode.

Another independent claim 9 recites an illumination device comprising a light emitting diode that emits a radiation pattern, at least one light guide positioned to be illuminated by the light emitting diode, wherein each light guide is positioned such that a cross-sectional center of each light guide substantially corresponds to location of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the light emitting diode.

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Another independent claim 14 recites an illumination device comprising a light emitting diode that emits a radiation pattern, a first and second light guide is positioned such that a cross-sectional center of the first light guide substantially corresponds to a first location of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the light emitting diode.

Another independent claim 24 recites an illumination device comprising a light emitting diode that emits a radiation pattern, a cross sectional center of each light guide substantially corresponds to locations of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the light emitting diode.

Another independent claim 26 recites a sign comprising a light emitting diode that emits a radiation, each light guide is positioned such that a cross sectional center of each light guide substantially corresponds to locations of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the light emitting diode.

Yet, another independent claim 30 recites a sign comprising a first and second emitting diode that emits a radiation pattern, the first and second light guides are positioned such that a cross sectional center of each light guide substantially corresponds to locations of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of each of the light emitting diode.

Yoneda (USPN 6,595,674) discloses a light emitting diodes & optical fiber(s) wherein each light guide positioned at offset locations relative to the center axis of the light emitting diode.

Petell et al. (USPN 6,302,570) discloses a frame (150B), a light emitting diode (390, 391) housed within the frame, a first light guide (341) positioned to be illuminated by the light emitting diode, wherein the first light guide provides directional side lighting in a first direction, and a second light guide positioned to be illuminated by the light emitting diode, wherein the second light guide provides directional side lighting in a second direction (light guide bundle 340 & 341 carries more than one light guide per bundle).

Because none of the references disclosed the detailed structure of the each light guide is positioned such that a cross-sectional center of each light guide corresponds to location of the maximum luminous intensity of the radiation pattern of the LED, nor is there any motivation to combine them, the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

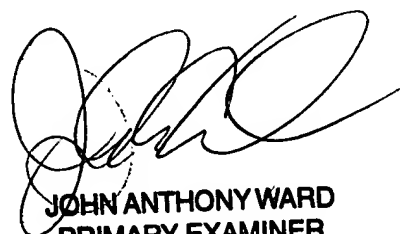
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Y. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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